

In the ClaimsCLAIMS

Claims 1-21 (Canceled).

~~22.~~<sup>1</sup> (Currently Amended) A garment, in particular an undergarment, for persons in military and civil defense services, comprising a first nonwoven of natural fibers or synthetic fibers, a second nonwoven of natural or synthetic fibers and discrete flakes of expanded graphite as a flame-retardant material, which are applied with an adhesive to at least one of the surfaces of the two nonwovens, and wherein a membrane permeable to water vapor and air is arranged between one of the two nonwovens and the flakes of expanded graphite.

~~23.~~<sup>2</sup> (Previously Presented) The garment as claimed in claim ~~22~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein polyester fibers are provided as the first nonwoven.

~~24.~~<sup>3</sup> (Previously Presented) The garment as claimed in claim ~~22~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the second nonwoven consists of polyester.

~~25.~~<sup>4</sup> (Previously Presented) The garment as claimed in claim ~~22~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the second nonwoven consists of polyamide.

5 ~~26~~<sup>5</sup>. (Previously Presented) The garment as claimed in claim ~~22~~<sup>1/</sup>, wherein the flakes of expanded graphite are distributed in a layer of hot-melt adhesive.

6 ~~27~~<sup>6</sup>. (Currently Amended) The garment as claimed in claim ~~28~~<sup>5</sup>, wherein the two nonwovens and the flakes of expanded graphite are bonded together by the layer of hot-melt adhesive to form a ~~three-layer~~ four-layer laminate.

7 ~~28~~<sup>7</sup>. (Previously Presented) The garment as claimed in claim ~~26~~<sup>5</sup>, further comprising a membrane and wherein the second nonwoven is bonded to the membrane by means of the layer of hot-melt adhesive with the expanded graphite, while the membrane is bonded to the first nonwoven by means of spots of adhesive.

8 ~~29~~<sup>8</sup>. (Previously Presented) A flame retardant garment component, comprising:

a first nonwoven;

a second nonwoven;

discrete flakes of expanded graphite as a flame-retardant material, applied to at least one of the nonwovens;

wherein the flakes of expanded graphite are distributed in a layer of hot-melt adhesive between the first and second nonwovens.

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20. (Previously Presented) The garment as claimed in claim ~~29~~<sup>28</sup>, further comprising a membrane and wherein the second nonwoven is bonded to the membrane by means of the layer of hot-melt adhesive with the expanded graphite, and wherein the membrane is bonded to the first nonwoven by means of spots of adhesive.

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